



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1734**

**PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. **04329.2677-01**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Tatsuhiko EMA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1734  
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Application No.: 10/736,580 ) Examiner: Tadesse, Yewebdar T.  
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Filed: December 17, 2003 )  
) Confirmation No.: 4483  
For: FILM-FORMING METHOD, )  
FILM-FORMING APPARATUS )  
AND LIQUID FILM DRYING )  
APPARATUS )

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**AMENDMENT AFTER-FINAL**

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2005, the period for response to which has been extended to January 20, 2006 by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants proposes that this application be amended as follows::

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 2.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper beginning on page 4.